

## InvestWrite



The Foundation for Investor Education sponsors a nationwide InvestWrite essay competition for students who participate in The Stock Market Game. You can link to the Investwrite homepage from the library website under SMG. The background and assignment for this year's competition are described below, and the awards for the top ten essays are listed on their website. Students must write their own essays, and document any sources they used for information. Essays may not exceed 700 words.

**To submit an essay:**

- Rough drafts must be typed in Microsoft Word and e-mailed to [mhall@buckleycountryday.com](mailto:mhall@buckleycountryday.com)
- Final papers must be e-mailed by **Thursday, December 2, 2010**

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### InvestWrite Topic For Grades 6-8, Fall 2010

**6-8 Grade Background:**

Have you ever thought about how the weather forecaster on television predicts if the weather will be "rain or shine," good or bad, safe or severe? Meteorologists study the weather and use computer programs and other "tools" to help make their predictions about the weather. By participating in The Stock Market Game this semester you are becoming a smart saver and investor. Just like the men and women you see on television who predict the weather, you have gained knowledge about "tools" that can help you make better predictions about investment decisions.

**6-8 Grade Question:**

Describe your Stock Market Game portfolio and explain why your team made its choices. Be sure to talk about two things you used as "tools" to help predict what you thought would be good investments and discuss how you used the tools and how they helped (Examples of tools are websites, newspapers, annual reports and information such as dividends and earnings.). As you know, we can always check the weather report and take an umbrella or wear a coat to protect us from bad weather. There are also things we can research and tools we can use to protect ourselves from risky investments. In your essay name two companies (whether you invested in them or not). Using your "tools," determine which you think is a safer, less risky, investment and explain why.

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**Final Essay Due Date: Thursday, December 2, 2010**

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Judges will base their decisions on the author's understanding of the subject matter, rationale, and writing style.

For more information about this year's topic, please refer to articles and activities available in history class. For any research that you conduct when preparing your essay, please be sure to cite your sources using the format specified in the "Buckley Style Guide."